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<u>Criminal Theft Charges Filed Against Midway Real Estate Investment Promoter</u> Adlard took \$120,000 from investor, promising 24% "no-risk" guaranteed return ...

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah – David Rhette Adlard, of Midway, was charged today with two counts of securities fraud and one count of theft for taking \$120,000 from an investor. The state alleges that Adlard promised the investor that his money would be used to develop real estate, but instead used the money for personal expenses. The criminal charges were filed by the Utah Attorney General's Office.

The criminal pleadings allege that Adlard and his company, Midway-based Cash Flow Gurus, Inc., sponsored a "free-dinner" seminar in late 2005, purportedly to educate people about getting financial aid and scholarships for college. Adlard offered to be the financial advisor for those in the audience. In 2006, one of the seminar attendees contacted Adlard asking for help with an inheritance. Adlard took the investor to see multiple real estate properties in Midway, saying Adlard and Cash Flow Gurus owned the properties. Adlard promised the investor 24% return on monies invested, asserting the investment had no risk and was guaranteed. According to the charges, the investor sent \$50,000 to Cash Flow Gurus. Adlard later persuaded the investor to borrow money using equity in the investor's home and invest an additional \$70,000.

The charges allege that Adlard engaged in fraudulent practices and theft by using the investor's money for personal expenses such as paying child support, making state and federal tax payments, dining, groceries, and buying gas. He also is accused of falsely stating the investment had no risk and that a return of 24% was guaranteed. Additionally, Adlard failed to tell the investor that he had filed for bankruptcy in 1996 and had unpaid child support judgments entered against him.

If convicted on all counts, Adlard could be sentenced to up to 45 years in prison. In criminal cases, defendants are presumed innocent until they are proven guilty.

The criminal charges against Adlard follow an enforcement action brought by the Utah Division of Securities on September 13, 2007 against Adlard and Cash Flow Gurus. The Division is seeking to have Adlard and his company ordered to cease and desist violating the securities laws and to pay fines.

Investors are urged to contact the Division to make sure anyone offering investments is licensed. 801.530.6600, or toll free at 1.800.721.7233. www.securities.utah.gov.